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Assistance for Coconut Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coconut producing companies in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of incentives and financial grants provided by the Coconut Development Board for the coconut producing companies; and

(c) the details of pending proposals with the Government received from Tamil Nadu for setting up of coconut producing companies and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): There are 64 coconut producing companies in the country, including 16 companies in Tamil Nadu.

(b): Coconut Development Board provides assistance to coconut producing companies for setting up of coconut kiosks under market promotion scheme with subsidy of 50% of total cost limited to Rs.6 lakh per unit. Further, schemes including Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement and Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut gardens are implemented through FPOs so that benefits reach the grass roots.

Under the scheme, Technology Mission on Coconut, the Board also provides financial assistance to coconut producing companies for setting up coconut processing units with credit linked back ended subsidy component of 25% of total project cost.

(c): No proposal from Tamil Nadu is pending, in this regard. Coconut Development Board does not provide financial assistance for setting up of Coconut Producer companies. Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with three tiers, viz, Coconut Producers Society (CPS-primary level), Coconut Producers Federations (CPF-secondary level) and Coconut Producers Company (CPC-the apex level) are facilitated by the Board.

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